Screening Doctors educated in foreign countries

272. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to conduct a screen test in India for the foreign educated doctors, in order to get practitioner's licence here;

(b) if so, whether this screen test would be applicable to all the doctors educated in foreign universities, both recognized and unrecognized by the Medical Council of India; and

(c) if so, the details of the said screen test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to introduce a Bill in the Parliament to amend the Indian Medical Council Act 1956 to provide for screening test for Indian nationals holding foreign medical qualifications for their registration with the Medical Council of India/ State Medical Councils to practice medicine in India.

Denial of essential medicines for Children

273. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 21st January, 2001 captioned, "Children denied essential medicines: CAG Report";

(b) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not supplied enough Vitamin 'A' solution and Iron and Folic acid tablets that were to be administered to infants/children every six months under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, as per Report of CAG; and